

The FCC willingly prosecutes pirate radio stations for their law-breaking. But in the case of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, no action has been taken. Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs, like "Stolen Honor", do not serve the public interest and are harmful to our democracy.

One large corporation should not be allowed to force their affiliates to air this partisan and possibly libelous program. To me, it is another sign of the harm done by excessive media consolidation. I miss the days of true local news and local stations.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please look into your hearts and use your intellect to do the right thing. Don't allow this partisan bullying to trump the values of equal opportunity and representation that our nation is based on. Stand up against the divisiveness that is poisoning our nation and stop Sinclair from using their power as a media outlet to spread hate and misinformation. Thank you.